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Position of CIG with respect to Executive Order 9835 (a Loyalty Program).

1. Attached is a text of a news item appearing in the New York Times for Friday, April 4, 1947 concerning the Department of State's desire for legislation authorizing it to discharge any employee without hearing when the demands of national security warrant.

2. Certain exceptions granted to the War and Navy Departments by the Executive Order are cited in the fourth paragraph of the story, and it occurs to me that State, War and Navy are advocating permanent legislation similar to Public Law 808. CIG might solve the problems we discussed by also seeking exemption under the Law (naturally, after the organization itself has received legislative blessing).

3. It may be of interest to note that the State Department's authority to fire employees without hearing, as provided in the Act of July 5, 1946, 60-Stat. 453, expires on June 30 this year.

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Encl: News Item

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